San Francisco State University
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San Francisco State University
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW)

Information Session for 2021 Admissions Cycle

Thursday, September 17, 2020
6-7 pm
Via Zoom
Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are located on the unceded territories of the Ohlone people, the traditional custodians of this land on which this meeting takes place and on which SF State University is built. We show our respect for and acknowledge the Ohlone people and thank for them for making space in their territories for us to share our own knowledge, teaching, learning, and research practices. We pay respects to the elders past and present of the Ohlone nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous people present.
The Agenda

• Welcome
  • Dr. Jocelyn Hermoso, BASW Program Coordinator
  • Professor Jerald Shapiro, SSW Director
• History of the School of Social Work
• Overview of the BASW Program – Curriculum and Field Education
  • Dr. Jocelyn Hermoso, BASW Program Coordinator
  • Professory Sonia Melara, BASW Field Coordinator
• Admission process and criteria
  • Dr. Jocelyn Hermoso, BASW Program Coordinator
• SF State Undergraduate Admissions
  • Camille Rieck-Armstrong, Interim Director, Undergraduate Admissions & Recruitment
• The student perspective: Hearing from current BASW students
  • Ka'Tina Jackson (Senior), Philip Jones (Senior), Claire Warren (Senior)
• Q & A
SF State School of Social Work History

- Social work courses were offered at SF State since the 1930s.
- In 1948, SF State hired first professor with a social work degree.
- In 1955, social work became an independent department in its own right. Prior to this, social work was under the Sociology Department.
- In 1966, SF State began its Master of Social Work (MSW) program.
SF State School of Social Work

Context

• California State University (23 universities; 8 off-campus centers; 478,638 students; largest 4-year public university system)
• San Francisco State University (Fall 2019: 28,880 students; baccalaureate 89%; graduate 11%)
• College of Health & Social Sciences
• School of Social Work
Mission Statement of the School of Social Work

The mission of the School of Social Work is to educate diverse learners to achieve progressive development and change throughout the Bay Area and beyond. The School cultivates ethical leadership for social justice and promotes professional advocacy, versatility, activism, and cultural humility.
The BASW Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
The BASW Program ranked 4th in the 2019 Best BSW program in California by Social Work Degree.
Overview of the BASW Program

Program Goals

Cognitive Domain: Achieve foundation levels of knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and creation.

Affective Domain: Reveal basic abilities to receive and respond to diverse phenomena; and value and organize phenomena. Show beginning levels of internalization. (Adapted and applied from Benjamin Bloom's taxonomy of cognitive and affective domains)

- Education
- Application
- Diverse Learners
- Collaboration & Participation
- Ethical Foundation & Leadership
- Progressive Development
- Advocacy & Activism for Progressive Change
- Equity & Social Justice
- Professional Versatility
- Cultural Humility
Classes are held on Wednesdays & Thursdays for the duration of the day and evening.

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Total units = 15 (12 SW; 3 GE)  Total units = 15 (12 SW; 3 GE)  Total units = 13 or 16 (9 or 12 SW; 3 GE)  Total units = 15 or 18 (6 or 9 SW; 8 GE)

*Can be taken Fall or Spring semester.
Field Education in the BASW Program

Purpose of the Internship

To provide a structured opportunity to integrate theory and practice by applying concepts and competencies presented in the classroom to real-world social work experiences.
Field Education in the BASW Program

The Urban Generalist Model

This urban generalist model incorporates common social work processes including:
- Developing working relationships with clients under diverse conditions.
- Formulating action plans that include both personal and environmental change elements.
- Facilitating the development of client autonomy and empowerment.
- Undertaking a variety of practice roles.
- Having practice experiences with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
**Field Roles**

**Field Instructor:** Your agency supervisor, who needs to have had their MSW for at least two years and have worked at the agency for at least one year and who oversees all your day-to-day activities at the internship. The FI also recommends your grade for the internship (Credit/No Credit).

**Field Faculty Liaison:** Your field seminar instructor who conducts field visits, handles problems and concerns, provides space to discuss issues that arise at the internship, and gives the final grade for the field seminar and the internship.

**Field Director:** The School of Social Work faculty member who oversees the field program and the placement process.

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Field Education in the BASW Program

Health & Background Screenings & Liability Insurance

• Depending on the internship, students may need to pay for health and background screenings.

• Professional liability insurance is provided free of charge by the university under a group policy.
Field Hours

- BASW Students in field senior year
- Must complete minimum of 480 hours, equates to 16 hours per week for 30 weeks (fall and spring semesters)
- Most likely two 8 hour days in the field for fall and spring semesters of senior year
The SF State Scholars Program offers students a unique opportunity to earn two degrees (BA in Social Work + MA in Gerontology) in five years. This blended, interdisciplinary program provides students with an academic roadmap and meaningful opportunities to: 1) be active learners fully engaged in exploring our most important societal issues, 2) promote life-long learning, 3) gain a richer understanding of aging in the global world, and 4) realize the activist potential of our disciplines. Successful completion of both degrees (BA in Social Work + MA in Gerontology) will enable students to master the knowledge and skills competencies needed to leverage themselves for advanced doctoral/professional studies, meaningful careers in the public and non-profit sectors, and worthwhile service to a diverse community of elders. BASW students are eligible to apply for the BASW-MA Gerontology Scholars Program at the end of their Junior year.
Study Abroad Programs

Bilateral Student Exchange
• Hochschule Fulda, Germany (Fall semester, Senior Year)
• City University of Hong Kong (Spring semester, Junior year; Fall semester, Senior year; or calendar year)
• Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia (Spring semester, Junior year; Fall semester, Senior year)

CSU International Programs
• Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (calendar year)
Admission & Eligibility Requirements

The BA in Social Work is a two-year (four semester) program designed for full-time study. Students are admitted during the Fall Semester only. As a cohort group, students typically begin and end the program at the same time, and are expected to complete their BASW degree requirements in two years.

All of the following criteria must be met:

1. Admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work major is limited to students at the upper division level (must have earned at least 60 units but not more than 96 units).

2. Be a current SF State student OR eligible for admission to undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University. If you are NOT a current SFSU student, prior to applying for the social work program, you must complete an online general application to the University via CalState Apply at www.calstate.edu/apply. The CalState Apply application period is from October 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

3. Meet the general university admission requirements for upper-division applicants. Students must have completed the Lower Division General Education curriculum (or equivalent) and have junior standing (60 earned units or more but not exceeding 96 units) at San Francisco State University.

4. Have an all-college total GPA of 2.0 (California residents) or 2.4 (non-residents) or higher at the time of application.

5. Complete the five required prerequisite courses with either a “C-“ grade or higher prior to admission into the BASW Program.
BASW Prerequisites

Complete the five required prerequisite courses with either a “C-“ grade or higher prior to admission into the BASW Program. Admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work major is limited to students at the upper division level (60 units or more but not more than 96 units).

• Introductory-level course in Human Biology (BIO 100 or equivalent- lab not required)
• Macro Economics (ECON 102 or equivalent)
• Introductory Psychology (PSY 200 or equivalent),
• Introductory Sociology (SOC 105 or equivalent), and
• English 114 (First Year written composition) or equivalent prior to entering the BASW program
Transfer students from California can check Assist.org for course equivalencies in their respective colleges.
BASW Prerequisites

Transfer students from out of state can check [http://ueap.sfsu.edu/articulation/transfer-evaluation-system](http://ueap.sfsu.edu/articulation/transfer-evaluation-system) for course equivalencies in their respective colleges.
Continuing Students

Students already enrolled at San Francisco State University and who meet the eligibility requirements described above can obtain access to the **BASW supplemental application** from the BASW admissions page of the SSW website ([https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw](https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw)). The deadline for submission of the BASW supplemental application is **Monday, January 4, 2021, 11:59 pm PST**.
Application Process

Transfer Students

Transfer students must complete a two-step application process:

1. Complete the SFSU Application for Admission online using CalState Apply, [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply), by the November 30, 2020 deadline. All official college transcripts must be sent to the SF State Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the due date.

2. Complete the School of Social Work supplemental application. After completing CalState Apply application, students who meet the eligibility requirements described in the previous slide can access the supplemental application through the BASW admissions page of the SSW website [https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw](https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw). The BASW supplemental application deadline is [Monday, January 4, 2021 11:59 pm PST](https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw).

• Note: Only completed general CalState Apply applications and the supplemental BASW program application will be reviewed.
CAL STATE APPLY

Find your future at the California State University.
With 23 campuses and thousands of degree choices, the CSU is a great place to start your journey.
Explore your options below, and start your application today.
Completing your supplemental application

You can access the BASW supplemental application from the BASW admissions page of the SSW (https://socwork.sfsu.edu/admissions/basw). A supplemental application packet includes the following:

• An application form which includes a listing of your relevant volunteer or work experience in the social services.

• Your written personal statement that documents interest in or experience with social work and human services; addresses community service, civic engagement, and voluntarism; indicates values and commitment to the profession; and reveals educational goals consistent with the School’s mission.

• Copies of transcripts (unofficial is accepted) from all college or university work completed. Include proof that all five prerequisites (Human Biology, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Sociology, and 1st year English composition) have been completed and/or a statement that they will be completed by the time the student begins the program. Multiple transcripts must be uploaded as a single PDF file.

• Resume in MS Word or PDF format

• Optional. One reference letter from a current or former professor.

Your completed BASW supplemental application must be uploaded to the BASW Admissions folder on the BASW Admissions page of the SSW website by Monday, January 4, 2021, 11:59 PST.
Examples of relevant volunteer or work experience in the social services

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<td>• Clerical work (filing, data-entry)</td>
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<td>• Schools as a teacher, teacher aid, skills trainer, RBT, counselor</td>
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<td>• Work with adults with dementia</td>
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Completing your application materials

Your completed supplemental application to the BASW Program must be submitted by uploading on to the BASW Admissions folder on the BASW Admissions page by January 4, 2021, Monday, 11:59 PST.
Deadlines

- The CalState Apply general application is due on December 4, 2020 (Only for transfer students).
- The BASW Supplemental Application is due on Monday, January 4, 2021 11:59 PM PST (For continuing and transfer students).
The BASW Student Perspective
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Social Work Advocates for Visions of Empowerment (SWAVE)

Phi Alpha Honor Society
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